

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Steering Committee
Women's Classical Caucus
January 4, 2007**

Present: Jennifer Ebbeler, University of Texas, Austin (co-chair), Patricia Salzman, Montclair State University (co-chair), Sally MacEwen, Agnes Scott College, Cloelia Editor (co-chair elect, recording), Maryline Parca, University of Illinois (Secretary-Treasurer), Lauren H. Petersen, University of Delaware, Susanna Braund, Stanford University, Joy Connolly, New York University (Awards), Lillian Doherty, University of Maryland (Mentoring & Membership), Alison Futrell, University of Arizona, Michaela Janan, Duke University, Mireille M. Lee, Macalester College, Ann O. Koloski-Ostrov, Brandeis University (Elections), Chris Ann Matteo, Edmund Burke School (Web Editor), Barbara J. McManus, College of New Rochelle (Consultant), Kristina Milnor, Barnard College (LAMBDA/CSWMG representative), Lindsay Morse, University of Washington (Graduate Student Liaison), Susan Prince, University of Colorado

Co-chair Jenn Ebbeler called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Women in the profession:

- WCC is hosting a roundtable on being female in the profession; while the number of women in graduate school and the lower ranks have achieved parity, we note that women are still not represented proportionally in the rank of full professor. Barbara McManus noted that good statistics are now available from APA's recent survey, and that she also has statistics to compare from other fields. Harvard University has also produced a "Report on Women" Initiative. It was also suggested that a report from the roundtables be published in Cloelia. It was also observed that we need more mentors at the rank of full professor.
- We should plan a topic for next year's meeting's roundtable. It was suggested that promotion, tenure, graduate students and adjuncts be rotated as topics.
- Regarding our concern about adjuncts in the profession, Micaela Janan sent a copy of the MLA statement on adjuncts to the APA Professional Matters Committee. APA also now has statistics on adjuncts, and these should now be available over time. The statement should be addressed to administrators and emphasize the value of flexibility within the tenure system rather than being confrontational.

APA panels

- This year's panel is Sunday morning at 8:30.
- Pat Salzman offered to serve as a resource for those putting the panel together in future, as it can be time-consuming. The new position of Panel Coordinator was approved, and then Pat was approved in the position. Barbara reminded us to keep a record of the submission statistics as that information is required for when we reapply for APA affiliate status (2010?)
- WCC will submit a panel to the next annual meeting of the Classical Association of Great Britain in Liverpool. Chris Ann Matteo and Lillian Doherty distributed a draft CFP which the Classical Association will publicize. The draft was approved with minor revisions. It was noted that the CA uses a different procedure for evaluating submissions. A number of possible panelists have been approached already.
- Mireille Lee will coordinate the 2008 APA panel on "Space and Gender." She was reminded to make contact with AIA to solicit submissions from them.

- It was asked whether AIA is listed as one of the links on the WCC website.
- We should continue to encourage members to attend APA and participate in events. WCC has given money in the past for people to attend the annual meeting, and we agreed we should continue to do so, but that the Equity Fund is being depleted. Gifts might be encouraged for that specific purpose. We need to continue to encourage nominations and self-nominations for the travel money. Jenn will announce the awards tonight at the joint reception of the WCC, LAMBDA and CSWMG. The current system of capping the gifts at 6 worked this year. We also might cap the number of times someone can apply, or perhaps ask for some return such as working the WCC table. It was decided simply to say we have a preference for new people, but we will judge each application on its merits, which would be a preference for those who have not previously applied or who have been (or are going to be) active in WCC.

Voting

- Ann Koloski-Ostrow, elections officer, thanked those who helped her get started. All the votes received this year came by email. Susanna Braund and Mireille Lee won, and Susanna will be the incoming co-chair. Because the number of votes determines who will be co-chair, the number of votes needs to be recorded.
- The new rotation means there is no longer anyone with “Ex-chair” status.
- Ann offered to make next year her last year. Lillian also is willing to pass the baton of the membership officer. Perhaps those who lost the election would consider these positions. Jen and Sally will pursue this.

Secretary-Treasurer’s report

- The \$1000 loaned to Women and Classics IV was returned to the general fund once receipts and expenses had been tallied.
- The new banner cost \$240.
- Membership keeps growing, and so also our general fund. WCC has given money in the past for people to attend the annual meeting, and we agreed we should continue to do so. The Equity Fund is being depleted, however. Possibly we could write to life members for a gift to this fund. It will be announced at the general meeting.
- Maryline mentioned that this is the fifth year of her five-year term. A volunteer will be sought, although Maryline would be willing to continue.

Membership

- The new Canadian membership chair is Fanny Dolansky
- The Membership Liaison suggested that we do some fundraising. Totebags were recommended, but they do take a lot of time to order. The point is more outreach than significant income. Perhaps they could also be sold at regional classics meetings, for example CAAS’ 100th anniversary. This will be raised at the business meeting.
- Several lunches or breakfasts have been held at regional meetings. We could do more.

Website

- All is going well. More links would be good.

Cloelia

- All is going well. Sally asked if it should be more news-focused, or more article-focused. It was consciously decided a few years ago to go with the latter, but there seems to be a lot of interest in the former. Further discussion is warranted.
- Sally would prefer to find a Guest Editor for the next two issues while she serves as co-chair. She is willing to continue to do the layout, printing and mailing. Unsuccessful election candidates might be approached.

LAMBDA

- The annual panel will take place Saturday morning this year.

Grad students

- We used to have representatives from various grad school programs, who shared names of students, but there has not been a lot of involvement from them. Lindsay made her own list for the social event publicity. It would be good to get them more involved; suggestions for how that might be made to happen were offered. She also needs graduate students to mentor and to be mentored.

Mentoring

- We are now short of mentors, especially in specific areas. Four matches were made this year, but two more are needed. We could also use some in the senior ranks.

Vision

- What is WCC now? Is it about the lives of women in the profession? Or scholarship on women? Or feminist scholarship? Early business meetings included scholarly presentations. There was a sense that the situation of women and feminism in classics has changed over the years, or that perhaps the targets have shifted.
- One suggestion for future work is something like a Cambridge Companion to Gender and Women in the Ancient World. There are a number of similar books already.
- The best issues for us would seem to be those specific to APA and classics.
- The next issue of Cloelia might include voices of women from each of the last few decades talking about the challenges facing women and feminism in their era, and a comparison of them.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally MacEwen

Currently, chair and co-chair rotation is as follows:

2007 co-chairs Jen Ebbeler (second year)

 Sally MacEwen (first year)

2008, first year co-chair Alison Futrell

2009, first year co-chair Susanna Braund

Membership

Through 2007 Ebbeler

Through 2008 MacEwen, Janan, Petersen

Through 2009

Futrell, Prince

Through 2010

Braund, Lee